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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of

BULTERS et al.

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Appln. No.: 09/989,703

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application in the manner set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) Primary coating composition according to claim 2 wherein the cavitation strength σ_{cav}^{10} is at least about 1.1 MPa.

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5. (Amended) Primary coating composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition comprises at least one cross-linking component introducing bimodal distribution into the composition.

12. (Amended) Primary coating according to claim 2, wherein said coating is having a strain energy release rate G_0 of at least about 20 J/m² as measured at a rate of about 1.10⁻⁵ s⁻¹ or less.

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